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2 O'CLOCK EXTRA. JOSIE IS COMING BACK.

The Little Exiled Orphan to Be Returned to His Relatives.

Such Is the Decision Just Reached by the Asylum Committee.

Carry the Good News to Grandma Shephard—Her Heart Will Dance for Joy.

A Signal Victory of "The Evening World" in the Cause of Humanity.

It Was a Long and Difficult Fight, but the Cause Was Just and Triumphed at Last.

The Boy to be Indentured to His Uncle, Mr. John Shephard, Jr., of Rochester—The History of a Notable and Interesting Case that Appeals to the Heart of Every Father and Mother in New York.

Josie Shephard, the exiled orphan, is to be brought back from Illinois and surrendered to his relatives. Instead of being committed to an orphanage, he is to be returned to the tender mercies of his uncle, Mr. John Shephard, Jr., of Rochester, N. Y. Such is the decision just reached by the Indenturing Committee of the New York Juvenile Asylum.

This is the final and triumphant chapter of a notable effort of THE EVENING WORLD in the cause of humanity. The result has been attained by persistence and devotion to a good cause, undeterred by temporary setbacks, undiminished by delays, undaunted by prejudice, but with full faith in the ultimate triumph of justice.

The pitiful story of Josie Shephard has touched a responsive chord in many a parent's heart. Grandmother Shephard's appeal, first printed in THE EVENING WORLD, for the recovery of her boy aroused genuine and widespread sympathy in her behalf. The recital of the extraordinary chain of mishaps and misunderstandings that resulted in his sudden transportation to far-away Illinois without the knowledge and against the wishes of friends and relatives anxious to care for him, reads more like a story of Dickens than an actual occurrence in this great metropolis in this nineteenth century. It would have been incredible had it not been true.

That the New York Juvenile Asylum is an institution that accomplishes a grand and beneficent work none can deny. That the gentlemen who constitute its Board of Directors and committees are actuated in their noble work by the highest motives goes without saying. But on this very account it was all the more remarkable that Josie Shephard should have been sent to the West to live the oft-times hard life of a farmer's apprentice while he had relatives in the East eager to care for and educate him.

That the indenturing committee, relying upon reports of subordinates, inadequate and misleading as the issue proves, had made an error of judgment in this case was the claim of THE EVENING WORLD. It has made from the outset no charge against these philanthropic gentlemen other than this. Now that the committee, upon the full and explicit information in the case, gathered with great care and considerable expense by THE EVENING WORLD, has reversed its decision, they are entitled to the gratitude of the fathers and mothers of New York.

For the significance of the Shephard case was something more than personal. It involved the question whether it was possible for parents and relatives ever to regain possession of their children who might have been put into an asylum without their knowledge, retained there against their will and sent West against their protest.

THE EVENING WORLD, despite the declinations of the committee to return Josie Shephard on its first applications in behalf of his relatives, persisted in its investigations. It found that Mr. John Shephard, Jr., his uncle, residing at 838 North Clinton street, Rochester, was a sober, worthy, industrious and fairly prosperous man, and that, having no children of his own, he had for two years been anxious to care and educate his nephew. He had even been to the city at one time, and made a vain effort to secure possession of him.

THE EVENING WORLD's special representative at Rochester worked for weeks on this

phase of the question. He was instructed to secure the exact facts pro and con regarding the uncle's character and ability to care for his nephew. The evidence secured as a result of the efforts in Rochester and elsewhere was as Mr. De Lancey Nicoll, THE EVENING WORLD's legal representative, declared, "conclusive and impregnable." Mayor Parsons, of Rochester; Judge Werner, of the County Court; Charles S. Cook, School Commissioner, and other officials of Rochester testified in Mr. Shephard's behalf.

The Humane Society of Rochester undertook a special investigation, and President H. A. Smith signs a report endorsing the Shephard family. Father Hartley, vice rector of St. Patrick's Church, and other clergymen of Protestant persuasion added their important and unanswerable testimony. From the employer of Mr. Shephard a transcript of his books was secured, showing that he had a regular and respectable income. Many well-known lawyers in Rochester, numerous neighbors of the Shephards, old friends of the family in this city, and many others furnished cumulative evidence. A picture of Mr. and Mrs. Shephard and a photograph of the house and grounds they occupy were included in the exhibit.

This accumulating evidence was presented to the Indenturing Committee prior to any publication as a matter of courtesy. After due consideration the committee have decided that the case is established and will surrender Josie Shephard to his uncle under articles of indenture.

THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

How the Favorable Decision Was Finally Arrived At.

The meeting of the committee was held at the House of Reception, 61 West Thirteenth street, and the attendance was larger than is usual on such occasions.

Chairman Charles D. Adams was present, and presided, and with him were Committee-men J. F. Plummer, Gustav Schwab, Murray Williams and Joseph Peck, besides Elisha M. Carpenter, the Superintendent of the asylum at One Hundred and Seventy-sixth street.

It was the unusual importance of the business to come up before the meeting that had brought them all together, for they were to consider the new evidence that had been collected and laid before them by THE EVENING WORLD regarding the circumstances and responsibility of Josie Shephard's uncle in Rochester, and give their final decision in the matter for the return of the boy, for which THE EVENING WORLD has been making such a persistent struggle for the past three months.

THE EVENING WORLD was also represented at the meeting, and its counsel, Mr. De Lancey Nicoll, was there to present the final evidence, and to argue the case, if necessary, before the committee.

Mr. John Shephard, Josie's uncle, had made an application for the return and surrender of the boy last August, and since that time every effort has been made to gather evidence as to his ability to properly care for and bring up the child so strong that the committee would have no alternative but to consent to his return.

The character of this evidence will be seen in the certificates and letters from many well-known people of Rochester which are to be found in the columns of THE EVENING WORLD to-day. That these efforts were abundantly effective is proved by the decision of the committee last night, and the triumph of THE EVENING WORLD is complete.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Adams, the Chairman of the committee, the boy had not been indentured, although he was sent to the West last May for that purpose, for he, as well as the other members of the committee,

desired that fullest investigation should be made and all the facts laid before them before deciding finally upon a matter of so much consequence to the child's friends and relatives.

These facts were all in their possession before the meeting last night, and with some additional matter which had been received later, the committee at once set to work to consider the matter.

After a private session of three-quarters of an hour, during which the case was very carefully discussed, Chairman Adams requested that the representatives of THE EVENING WORLD and Mr. Nicoll should appear before the committee.

In a good-natured way he stated that it would not be necessary to argue the case, as the committee had already decided the matter. He said that the committee had unanimously arrived at its decision.

"Upon the new evidence which has been presented by THE EVENING WORLD," he said, "the matter has assumed an entirely different aspect, and the committee is of the opinion that it conclusively shows the ability of the uncle to provide a suitable home for the boy Josie Shephard. The statements of those who are personally acquainted with John Shephard show that he is an industrious and sober man, of good character, and the committee feel justified in ordering the return of the child and its surrender to him, provided he will take it under indenture as the rules of the society provide."

All the other members of the committee signified their concurrence in this decision, and when the assurance was given that Mr. Shephard would be willing to take the boy under the conditions that the society might impose, it was ordered that he should be returned forthwith.

The certificate of Mr. Shephard and his wife that they would adopt Josie, educate him and bring him up as their own son was put in evidence.

According to the decision of the committee Josie will not return to New York, but will be sent directly to his uncle in Rochester as soon as the latter shall have completed the usual requirements of the law and signed the indenturing instrument. This gives the society control over the child until his majority, but this authority is only exercised in so far as to see that the conditions of the bond are properly fulfilled by the person to whom a child is indentured.

It is safe to say that in Josie Shephard's case there is no reason to fear that the committee will ever have cause to regret its decision, or that the boy himself will not have a good home and the best of parental care and guidance.

A MOUNTAIN OF EVIDENCE.

The Impregnable and Conclusive Case Prepared by "The Evening World."

Following is the documentary evidence prepared by THE EVENING WORLD in Josie Shephard's behalf, and on which the Indenturing Committee based its favorable decision:

The Statement of the Shephards.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1888.
This is to certify that we wish to adopt the boy Josie Shephard; that we will care for him as our own child, will see that he is educated and do all in our power to give him the advantages of a home if he is surrendered into our keeping.

KATIE SHEPHARD.
JOHN SHEPHARD, Jr.

THE UNCLE'S EARLY APPLICATION.
The following is part of a letter written by Mr. Shephard to Grandmother Shephard touching the disposition of Josie, and serves to show the genuine interest he takes in his nephew. It was a family epistle, and not intended for publication.

ROCHESTER, July 12, 1888.

My Dear Mother:
I take this opportunity of writing you these few lines, hoping to find you in health as this leaves us all at present. I am sorry to hear that you sent Josie out West. I hope that you will not leave a stone unturned till you have him back. I want Josie myself. I take good care of him. I am entitled to him before a stranger. * * * Let me know if it will be necessary for me to send Kate (his wife) down. I will do so to bring Josie up. * * * I want him. I can give him a good home and a good education. * * * Let me know as soon as you can how things are going on about Josie. Your affectionate son.

JOHN SHEPHARD, Jr.
838 North Clinton street, Rochester, N. Y.

MAJOR PARSONS'S TESTIMONY.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1888.

I should consider Mr. John Shephard of

this city a proper and competent person to act as a guardian for a child. From what I have heard of him he is a sober and industrious man.

C. R. PARSONS, Mayor.

JUDGE WERNER'S REPORT.
CHAMBERS OF MONROE COUNTY COURT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
WILLIAM E. WERNER, JUDGE.
SPECIAL COUNTY JUDGE,
July 31, 1888.

To whom it may concern:
From representations made to me by persons who have examined into the facts I think John Shephard, Jr., is a proper person to have charge and control of Josie Shephard. He is reported to be a sober, industrious and respectable man. Respectfully,
WILLIAM E. WERNER.

NEVER IN THE POLICE COURT.
POLICE JUSTICE OFFICE,
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 16, 1888.
I certify that after a careful examination of the police book for several years past no such name as John Shephard, Jr., appears on them.

R. FRANK ENOS, Clerk of Court.

NEVER NEEDED CHARITY.
OFFICE OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR, ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 6, 1888.
After an examination of the records in this office I would certify that no such name as that of John Shephard, Jr., appears on them as an applicant for help.

JOSEPH W. EAGAN,
Assistant Overseer of the Poor.

FATHER HARTLEY'S IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1888.
To whom it may concern:
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that John Shephard, now residing at 838 North Clinton street, Rochester, N. Y., is well-known to me. Some two years ago he and his wife applied to me to adopt a little boy from St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, and I consented. Before giving him the child he was thoroughly investigated and found to be an honest, industrious, temperate and good-living Christian.

I saw the family a few days since, and am satisfied that the child adopted is as well cared for and cherished as an own son, and that the said Mr. Shephard and wife are very respectable and very nice people and quite worthy of confidence.

I am, furthermore, happy to be of service to them, if possible, by this humble testimony.

J. P. RECTOR, St. Patrick's Church.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY SPEAKS.
THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF ROCHESTER, N. Y., OFFICE, NO. 16 STATE STREET, ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 8, 1888.

DEAR SIR: In compliance with your request the Humane Society of Rochester has investigated and made inquiries concerning Mr. John Shephard, Jr., of 838 North Clinton street, this city, and I take pleasure in saying that our agent, Mr. Wm. H. Groot, reports that he finds said John Shephard to be a shoemaker by trade; that he has a wife and one child; that his house is neat and clean, and that from what he can learn of him he is a sober, honest and industrious man. He also adds that John Shephard seems to be a respectable, neat and thrifty woman. Yours truly,
HOWARD A. SMITH, President.

FROM SHEPHARD'S EMPLOYERS.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 31, 1888.
To whom it may concern:
Will state that John Shephard has worked for us over four years and is now in our employ. We have always found him an industrious and steady man, earning good wages, and

Edwin Forrest's Secret.
The great tragedian, Forrest, had a secret which everybody ought to learn and profit by. Said he: "I owe all my success to the fact that everything I have undertaken I have done thoroughly. I never neglect trifles. Don't neglect that backing cough, those night-sweats, that terrible and capricious appetite, and the other symptoms, trifling in themselves, but awful in their significance. They herald the approach of consumption. You are in danger, but you can be saved. DR. FIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY will restore you to health and vigor, as it has thousands of others. For all scrofulous diseases, and consumption is one of them, it is a sovereign remedy."

From a Prominent Elevated R.R. Man.
"Alexander's Pile Ointment has done great things for me. I think there is nothing like it. Name on application, but not for publication."

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REV. MR. SANKEY'S REPORT.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 8, 1888.
To whom it may concern:
Last evening I spent an hour with the family of John Shephard, No. 838 North Clinton street, in this city, and I believe Mr. and Mrs. Shephard to be good and worthy people.

They expressed an earnest desire that their nephew, Joseph Shephard, might be put in their care. I believe if their request should be granted that they will do all in their power to make the lad comfortable and happy.

J. P. SANKEY,
Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N. Y.

ANOTHER EDUCATOR'S EVIDENCE.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 30, 1888.
I have heard of John Shephard, and in my opinion he would be a competent person to care for the boy Josie Shephard. Judging from information, he seems to be a sober and industrious man.

CHARLES S. COOK,
President Board of Education.

A LAWYER'S OPINION.
ROCHESTER, Aug. 1, 1888.
To whom it may concern:
Such sufficient information as I have received concerning John Shephard, Jr., of 838 North Clinton street, in this city, persuades me that he is a competent person to become the guardian, not only of a nephew of his, but any child entrusted to him by his parents or an order of the court, as a ward.

I am satisfied this child will be well treated and receive all the care and bringing up which a man in Shephard's circumstances can give, and which, in my judgment, will be quite enough to make a good citizen of a nephew entrusted to Shephard's custody under instruments of adoption.

JACOB SPAIN, Attorney-at-Law.

A PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT.
ROCHESTER, Aug. 10, 1888.
I am personally acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Shephard and know them to be very much respected in the community in which they live, and fully capable of taking care of the child in question.

DR. E. J. PRICE,
88 Nassau street, Rochester, N. Y.

A NEIGHBOR SPEAKS.
ROCHESTER, Aug. 14, 1888.
This is to certify that I have known Mr. and Mrs. Shephard for the last six years. He and his wife are well respected in the community in which they live, and he is a sober and industrious man. Yours truly,
JOHN BLOOMER,
20 Lowell street, Rochester, N. Y.

KNOWN HIM SEVEN YEARS.
ROCHESTER, Aug. 13, 1888.
I, the undersigned, have known Mr. J. Shephard for about seven years, and have

always found him to be honest, industrious and generous, trying to do right to his best ability.

28 Pennsylvania avenue,
ROCHESTER, Aug. 13, 1888.

AN ACQUAINTANCE OF TWO YEARS.
ROCHESTER, Aug. 13, 1888.
I have known Mr. John Shephard for nearly two years and find him a sober and industrious man from all appearances. Yours truly,
A. J. WEINIG.

FROM A ROCHESTER MANUFACTURER.
EMPIRE MOUNDING WORKS,
GEO. H. NEWELL, Proprietor,
ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 21, 1888.
I desire to state that from the information I have received regarding John Shephard, Jr., of this city, I regard him as a hardworking and industrious man, and I take pleasure in recommending him as such. W. J. DEAN,
99 William street, Rochester, N. Y.

ANOTHER WELL-KNOWN LAWYER.
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Aug. 1, 1888.
To whom it may concern:
From what I am informed and believe in regard to John Shephard I should consider him a suitable and competent person to care for his nephew, Joseph Shephard, as guardian. C. H. KINGSBURY, Attorney at Law.

MR. WILLEY'S REPORT.
Following are extracts from the private reports made by THE EVENING WORLD representatives under various dates:
ROCHESTER, July 31, 1888.
The undersigned has visited the Shephard family, and after inquiring into the circumstances would report as follows:
John Shephard and his wife are middle-aged people, who have resided in Rochester about eight years. His occupation is that of a burner by trade, and has been employed in Cowles' shoe factory for the past five years. His piecework book shows that he earns from \$15 to \$25 per week, and is rarely less than \$17. The family consists of himself, wife, and boy, the latter five years of age. This house is situated on North Clinton street, in the southeast corner of the block, three blocks from one of the public schools. It is a small frame structure, a story and a half in height, and contains eight rooms. A large lot surrounds it, and the house is devoted to a vegetable garden. The house has only been built two years, and the Shephard family rent it at the rate of \$3 per week. The neighbors are mostly German of the poorer class, but quiet, law-abiding and industrious people.

A casual observer would always notice at a glance that the interior of this house is kept in a tidy and clean condition. Mrs. Shephard appears to be a thrifty, economical woman. She is pleasant and motherly in her demeanor and bears an excellent reputation among her neighbors. She told her visitor that she and her husband were anxious to obtain Josie as he would be like an older brother to their only child, and she was anxious to make the two go to school. They state that their intention is to bring him up just as their own son. Incidentally it was learned that Mr. Shephard's father and mother died a number of years before she was married, leaving her an orphan also. To sum the matter up, it would seem that the Shephards are a honest, industrious and respectable people.

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History of the "Evening World's" Efforts to Bring Back the Orphan Boy.
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Visiting day in April, 1888, I went and found him in the hospital. The doctor said he was out of danger, but it was not until I had been notified. (No notice.)

Next month I went to see him. He was sent to Illinois. I applied to the board, who said I was not entitled to see him. I have a friend who is willing to keep him. The board says he has a good home, but I want him.

Andrew Grant, of 30 West Thirtieth street, will take the boy into his family and treat him as his own and adopt him if necessary. He would like to do so. My son, who resides with me, will keep him. My son in Rochester can keep him, and why should he be in Illinois?

Please interest yourself in the matter and have the blessing of a heart-broken woman. Yours respectfully,
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The opinion was almost universal that there had been a mistake made, and the demand was general that it should be rectified without delay.

Through the efforts of THE EVENING WORLD, but after many delays, the case was finally brought before a meeting of the Indenturing Committee.

There another mistake was met with, and the application of Mr. Andrew Grant to adopt the child was rejected on the ground that he had not sufficient means to care for more than his own family.

As soon as this decision was reached by the committee recourse was had to the uncle of the boy, John Shephard, who is an honest and industrious man of Rochester, N. Y. He had previously come to New York to get Josie while he was still in the Nursery on Staten Island, intending to adopt him at that time but had been unable to secure his surrender without a longer delay here than he could afford, for he was a workman and had a family dependent upon him for support.

He made an application for the surrender of the child, proposing to adopt it in case it should be brought back from the West. What THE EVENING WORLD has done in order to procure evidence of his ability to care for Josie, and to establish this fact to the satisfaction of the Asylum Committee, may be seen by the annexed certificates and letters.

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The opinion was almost universal that there had been a mistake made, and the demand was general that it should be rectified without delay.

Through the efforts of THE EVENING WORLD, but after many delays, the case was finally brought before a meeting of the Indenturing Committee.

There another mistake was met with, and the application of Mr. Andrew Grant to adopt the child was rejected on the ground that he had not sufficient means to care for more than his own family.

As soon as this decision was reached by the committee recourse was had to the uncle of the boy, John Shephard, who is an honest and industrious man of Rochester, N. Y. He had previously come to New York to get Josie while he was still in the Nursery on Staten Island, intending to adopt him at that time but had been unable to secure his surrender without a longer delay here than he could afford, for he was a workman and had a family dependent upon him for support.

He made an application for the surrender of the child, proposing to adopt it in case it should be brought back from the West. What THE EVENING WORLD has done in order to procure evidence of his ability to care for Josie, and to establish this fact to the satisfaction of the Asylum Committee, may be seen by the annexed certificates and letters.

The Humane Society of Rochester made a thorough investigation of Mr. Shephard's affairs, and the accuracy of the report which it furnishes is indisputable.